

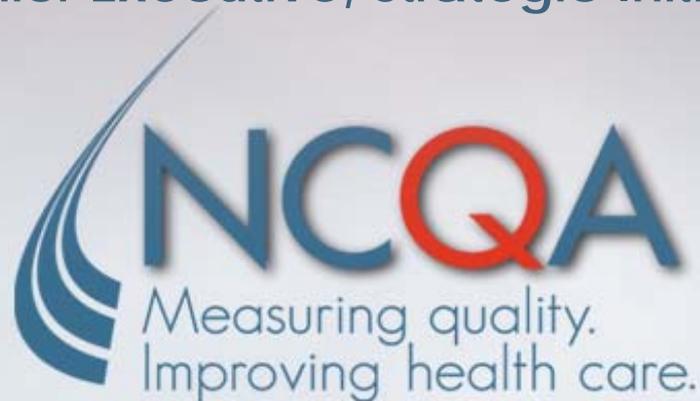
Measures of Meaningful Use

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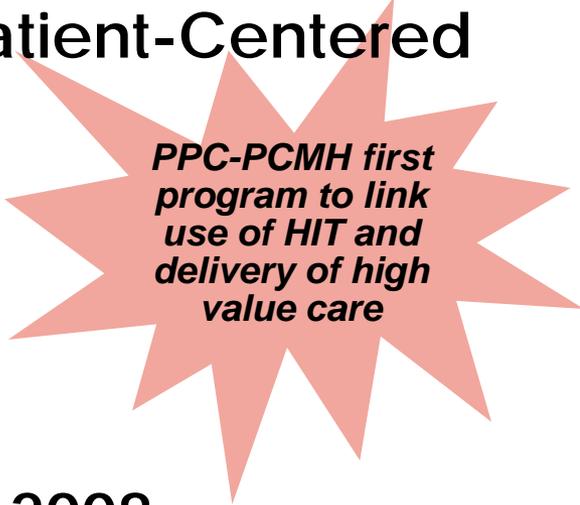


Today

- **NCQA**
- **Important Considerations**
- **PPC[®]-PCMH[™] Experience**
- **Recommendations**

NCQA

- Private, nonprofit organization
 - Accredit health plans
 - Recognize physicians, including medical homes
 - Develop performance measures, audit and certification programs
- Relevant experience
 - Physician Practice Connections[®]—Patient-Centered Medical Home program
 - HEDIS[®] measure development
 - Measure validation
 - Audits
 - Software certification
 - Documentation
 - PQRI Registry with 560 submissions in 2008



PPC-PCMH first program to link use of HIT and delivery of high value care



Important Considerations

- **Opportunity: leverage HIT use for health reform**
 - Improved quality, safety
 - Reduced unnecessary costs
- **Broad vision necessary**
- **Multistakeholder input needed**
- **Realistic phase-in strategy needed**
- **Practices need support**
 - Financial
 - Redesign
 - Functional
 - Quality improvement
- **Federal leverage needed for standardization**

PPC[®]-PCMH[™] Experience

370 practices
4,039 MDs

- Link between HIT capabilities and practice redesign must be clear
 - Published research: presence or absence of EMR per se correlates only weakly with clinical measures
- Implementation is disruptive, takes time
- Small practices need assistance
- Financial support necessary
- Documentation necessary; reporting effort needs to be minimized
 - Published research: practice self report (without documentation or audit) does not produce reliable information
- Current EHRs do not generally support reporting

Sample PPC[®]-PCMH[™] Measures

- **Searchable patient-level clinical information**
 - % of patients seen in last 3 months with 7 specified data fields entered
- **Use of registry functions**
 - Practice uses electronic data to generate lists of patients needing specified types of services
- **Test tracking**
 - Practice uses electronic system for lab, imaging
- **Use of eRx**
 - Stand-alone
 - Linked to patient info
 - Linked to alerts
 - Linked to generic info
 - Linked to patient formulary
- **Quality measurement**
 - Practice electronically reports on nationally approved measures

Validation

<i>Current</i>	<i>Desired</i>
Practice creates documentation	EHRs generate standard reports for eligible professionals; capability certified
NCQA reviews	Professional authorizes electronic submission of results to CMS through "registry"
NCQA audits sample onsite	Could be conducted if CMS desires; PPC-PCMH practices deemed

ARRA provides opportunity to standardize, streamline

Electronic Quality Measurement

- Prepare for electronic clinically-rich data
 - Need to develop standard measure definition methodology/terminology
 - Evolve future measures to leverage new data
- NCQA/AMA/EHRA (The Collaborative)
 - Prototype framework developed (2007-2009)
 - NQF taking forward thru SDO (2009-2010)
- Federal support needed to mandate use

Recommendations

- Establish broad vision linked to health reform
- Create multistakeholder advisory committee
 - MDs, vendors, policymakers (reform and HIT)
- Establish realistic phase-in strategy
 - Start with use of basic functionality; progress towards clinical processes and outcomes
 - Consider implications for legacy systems
- Specify measures, to be reported through EHR technologies to maximum extent possible
- Consider PQRI registry reporting option for data collection and validation
- Begin now to provide support for practices

Maintain vision, but don't let perfect be enemy of the good